Rule 11 details the procedure for filing, determination and verification of claims by the Gram Sabha. The rule states that "the Gram Sabhas shall (a) call for claims and authorize the Forest, Rights Committee to accept the claims in the Form, as provided in Annexure-I of these rules and such claims shall be made within a period of three months from the date of such calling of claims along with at least two of the evidences mentioned in rule 13, shall be made within a period of three months, provided that the Gram sabha may if consider necessary, extend such period of three months after recording the reasons thereof in writing; (b) fix a date for initiating the process of determination of its community forest resource and intimate the same to the adjoining Gram Sabhas where there are substantial overlaps, and the Sub-Divisional Level Committee."

(b) to (e) After operationalization of the Act and notification of the Rules, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has written to all State/UT Governments on 11.1.2008 to constitute various Committees under the Act Immediately and also initiate necessary action for recognition and vesting of the forest rights in the forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers under the Act. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has also written to the States/UTson 15.2.2008 suggesting that the states may organize Gram Sabhas on 28.2.2008 during which the provisions of the Act and the Rules and the roles and responsibilities of PRIs , Gram Sabhas and Forest Rights Committees are explained. The requisite details sought in part (b) to (e) of the Questions are yet to be received from the State/UT Governments.

Clearing of OBC backlog

1487. SHRIJESUDASU SEELAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved a proposal to launch a special recruitment drive to fill 28,671 vacancies reserved for OBCs in 70 Central Government Ministries, Departments and PSUs;

(b) whether the Group of Ministers appointed for the purpose has recommended that unfilled OBC quota be treated as a distinct group which would be excluded while applying the ceiling of 50 per cent to determine the reserved vacancies in any year;

(c) to what extent the backlog would be cleared independently of the 22.5 per Cent 350 quota for SC/ST and.2,7 per cent for OBCs; and

(d) whether any time-bound programme in this regard has been drawn?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (d) A proposal to launch a special recruitment drive to fill up backlog vacancies is under consideration. The proposal does not affect the reservation quota prescribed for the SCs and the STs.

Implementation of reservation

1488. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether all concerned Ministries/Departments have implemented the provision

made in 1974 to give reservation to SC/ST by the NGOs/Trust/Association, which are drawing. Grant-in-aid;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, reasons therefor;

(d) whether these Ministries/Departments give second installment to NGOs/Trust etc. after making proper inspection/verification of such reservation implementation; and

(e) if so, the names of such NGOs/Trust, which got second installment and implemented the 1974 provision from 1st January, 2005 to date?

THE MINISTER Of STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRISURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (e) All the Ministries/ Departments, as per instructions issued in 1974, are required to include a suitable clause in the terms and conditions under which the voluntary agencies/organizations etc., are given grants-in-aid by the Government, to provide for reservation for the SCs and STs in posts and services under such agencies/organization. It is the responsibility of the concerned Ministries/ Departments to ensure implementation of these instructions. Details in this regard are not centrally maintained.

Complaints received by grievances cell

1489. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by the Public grievances cell of the Central Government during 2007 and forwarded to various Ministries, departments and organizations for redressal, unit-wise;

(b) the time that is'allowed to the respective organization for the redfessal of the grievances and to report back to the grievance cell;

(c) whether his Ministry is aware that in a large number of cases, the grievances officer appointed in various organizations are hardly available personally or on phone, thereby • frustrating the arrangement; and

(d) whether any surprise checks are conducted, if so, the details thereof during 2007 and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Redressal of grievances is organized in a decentralized manner. However, details of the grievances received in Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat and Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances and forwarded to the concerned Ministries/Departments/Organisations are given in the Statement *{See* below)

(K Directions have already been issued to all Ministries/Departments and State Govts, to redress grievances of the citizens within a period of two months and also to give a reasoned reply withir. this'period.